

# COVID-19 MEASURES

# Challenge Cup 2021

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## BACKGROUND

- The Challenge Cup will take place on 25-28 February, 2021 in The Uithof, The Hague. The event is organized by the KNSB. It will be the first Figure Skating competition of the season 2020-2021 in The Netherlands for Senior Ladies, Men, Pairs and Ice Dance couples. The competition will be organized in a COVID-responsible way, based on the International and Dutch measures against the virus and taking into account the experience from earlier long track and short track competitions.
- For this event an explicit municipality permit was not required. The Municipality The Hague authorized the competition.
- For everyone involved in the competition, from organization to participant, it is mandatory to have taken note of the strict regulations that apply during the competition. The measures in these regulations apply from Monday February 22 to Sunday February 28.
- The organization is responsible for the timely provision of information and the distribution of the measures to all people involved before the competition starts. If necessary, updates of the measures will be distributed.

## GENERAL

- In this document we describe the measures that will be taken to organize and run the competition in a COVID-19 responsible and safe way.
- The main premise of the competition is that **only persons who must be functionally present**, will be granted access to the ice rink under a strict level policy based on the accreditation.
- Anyone who is involved in any way with the organization of the competition and therefore must be present on location, **must be accredited**.
- Based on new developments, the current plan will be continuously evaluated and adjusted. It is not unlikely that new developments will emerge before putting the protocols into practice.

## GENERAL | MINIMUM NUMBERS OF COMPETITORS

- To ensure a representative competition, a minimum of 30 entries for the competition is required.
- Deadline for the entries will be Thursday February 18, 10 am (7 days before the competition)
- However in case the number of entries falls below 30 between February 18 and February 25, the competition will still continue.

## OVERALL MEASURES



Wash your hands thoroughly.



Stay home or at the hotel if you experience Symptoms.



Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing.



Keep your distance: 1.5 meter at all times, except when training or competing on ice



Cough and sneeze into a paper tissues or your elbow. Discard paper tissues after use and then wash your hands.



Wear a face mask. Exceptions to wearing a mask are outlined in the section below.



Screaming and shouting by coaches is **NOT** allowed

### Exceptions for athletes to wear a face mask:

- \* Warming up area, ice rink during training and competition
- \* Mixed zone (keep distance and apply a splash guard)

### Other exceptions to wearing a face mask:

- \* Speakers during announcements
- \* Officials during the competition

For all, while eating or drinking (preferably when seated)

## OVERALL MEASURES

- A Medical-Legal panel has been established to support the handling of COVID-19 related matters.
- This panel is headed by the Coronamanager, Willem Hut and further consists of
  - KNSB Doctor: Rik van der Kolk
  - KNSB Legal advisor: Martine Margadant
  - Virologist: Afke Brandenburg
- The panel will be present during the competition and/or available quickly on demand.
- The COVID-19 team on site is responsible for providing the information regarding the measures and their enforcement. The COVID-19 team is part of the organization and consists of a Covid-19 manager and coordinators.

## ACCREDITATION POLICY

Everyone involved in the organization of the competition and who must be on site **must** be accredited before the competition in question.

- Level 1: January 28 based on final entry
- Level 2 + 3: February 18
- Level 4: February 22

### Pick up your accreditation

- We will communicate the time slots in the information guide.
- Accreditations can be obtained by team leaders/coaches provided the health measures are met.



# ACCREDITATION LEVELS

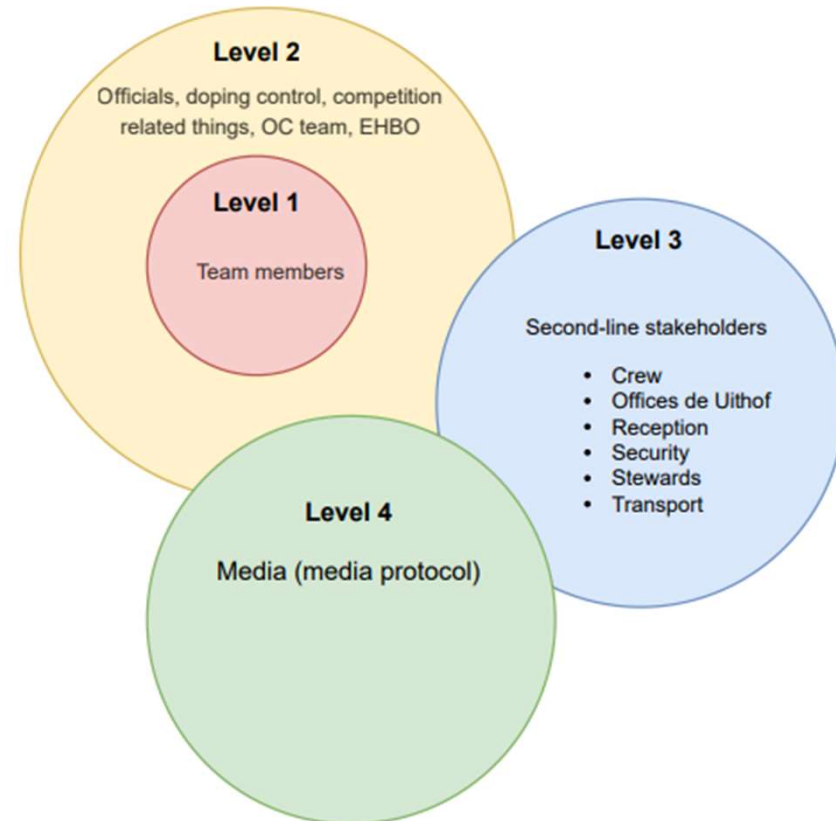
There are 4 basic levels:

Level 1: Team (competitors, coaches and team leaders)

Level 2: Everyone directly involved in the competition organization plus Officials

Level 3: Second line stakeholders as little contact with level 2 as possible.

Level 4: Media ( media protocol)



## ZONING

- There are separate entrances for competitors, coaches, team leaders, press and other crew (see map in the appendix)
- In general:

Level1-accredited persons should not, or as little as possible, come in contact with others. If, on the other hand, there is contact, it is necessary to maintain very carefully the general hygiene measures, where keeping distance and wearing a face mask is paramount.

Level1-accredited persons only have access to

- Athletes entry and exit
- Dressing rooms
- Anti-doping control room
- Medical room
- Warming up area
- Boarding entrance to ice rink
- Kiss & Cry
- Mixed zone
- Therefore competitors cannot access the area around the rink and the grandstands

## HEALTH MEASURES | LEVEL 1 – BEFOREHAND (I)

1. All team members (competitors, coaches, team leaders, including Team NL) must - prior to arrival in The Netherlands - provide an official negative PCR COVID-19 test result (digital) not older than 72 hours (from the timestamp of the test to the entry into The Netherlands) and a signed waiver.
2. If this test is negative and waiver has been signed, then traveling to the Netherlands is allowed.
3. All participating ISU Members and attending ISU officials from outside the Netherlands will receive an invitation (*corresponding with current COVID-19 measures*) from the National Olympic Committee in The Netherlands.
4. With this official invitation team members and officials will be allowed entrance to The Netherlands and will be (as the situation is now) free of quarantine upon arrival (*on showing a negative PCR test result*).

For entry in accordance with the current travel advice from the Dutch government see:

- <https://www.government.nl/topics/c/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/negative-test-result-and-declaration>

## Health measures | Level 1 – BEFOREHAND (II)

- All team members (competitors, coaches, team leaders) must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test.
- These tests are carried out in the hotel and the costs (€ 52,50) will be passed on to the countries.
- *It is important to refrain from eating/drinking chocolate, sports drinks, menthol gum or using mouthwash half an hour before the test.*
- The 5-days (health) questionnaire has to be submitted prior to testing.
- Test Schedule:
  - *Senior Ladies and Ice Dance couples*                      *Wednesday 08.00 – 14.00 hrs*      *competitors, coaches, teamleaders*
  - *Senior Men and Pairs*    *Friday 08.00 – 14.00 hrs*                      *competitors, coaches, teamleaders*
- Urgently request to travel to The Netherlands as short as possible before the test moment.
- All team members will remain in their hotel room **until** the test results are known.
- Lunch/Diner/Breakfast will be serviced to the rooms. It is not allowed to leave the room.  
Results will be received within 24 hours maximum.
- The testresult will be communicated to the team leader by the doctor, the coronamanager and eventmanager will be informed.

## HEALTH MEASURE | LEVEL 1 – AFTER THE COMPETITION



- In case team members need a negative COVID-19 PCR-test before leaving they can make this know to the Organizing Committee. The test will be at the expense of the team members.



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## HEALTH MEASURE | LEVEL 1 – DAILY

- The daily RIVM health check will be carried out in the hotel lobby
- Every day the RIVM questionnaire must be completed, and a temperature check is to be performed.
- If one of the questions is answered with "yes" or an abnormal bodytemperature is measured the person does not get access to the location directly. First there will be a consultation with the medical panel.
- In case of doubt, the person can be forwarded to the medical room for further investigation.

## HEALTH MEASURE | LEVEL 2 FROM OUTSIDE THE NETHERLANDS

- All participating ISU Members and attending ISU officials from outside the Netherlands will receive an invitation (*corresponding with current COVID-19 measures*) from the National Olympic Committee in The Netherlands.
- With this official invitation team members and officials will be granted entrance to The Netherlands and will be (at this moment) free of quarantine upon arrival (*on showing a negative PCR test result*).
- Please check the quarantine when you go home by yourself!

## HEALTH MEASURE | LEVEL 2 & 3

- Before the start of the competition all level 2 & 3 participants will be receive a RIVM checklist so that they can anticipate/cancel or report a symptom. Also they need to sign the COVID-19 waiver.
  - Volunteers who are at the venue Monday/Tuesday must have a COVID-19 PCR test at Wednesday
  - Officials, timekeepers and system volunteers must have a COVID-19 PCR test performed before traveling to the event.
  - Also Volunteers working in the hotel with level 1 accredited must have a COVID-19 PCR test performed before traveling to the event.
- Other level 2 & 3 volunteers are not obliged to submit a negative COVID-19 PCR test.
- Upon arrival at the Uithof, level 2 & 3 must take the entrance for officials & volunteers.
- Every day the RIVM questionnaire must be completed and a temperature check is to be performed.
- If both results are OK, the location may be entered
- In case of doubt, the person concerned can be forwarded to the medical room for further investigation.
- On day 1 after the medical check, the accreditation-badge is handed over. This must be worn visibly at all times.



## HEALTH MEASURE | LEVEL 1, 2 & 3

- Download the Corona app
  - It is urgently advised to download the Corona app
  - The app warns if users may have been in contact with someone who is infected.
  - The advice is to download the app 5 days before travelling to the Challenge Cup.
  - The app can be installed from [Coronamelder.nl](https://www.coronamelder.nl)
- If the app reports a contact with an infected person this must be immediately reported to the supervisor or responsible contact person (media, volunteer, official) of the Challenge Cup participant concerned

## IN CASE OF INFECTION | LEVEL 1 (I)

- Discretion and respect for the privacy of the respective person(s) is priority number 1.
- **In case of infection or disease symptoms**
  - If a person has symptoms of COVID-19 (cq a team leader/coach perceives this) or feels sick with related symptoms he or she has to inform the team leader immediately. See sanctions below.
  - If a person displays suspicious symptoms at the location, this person can be taken into the quarantine room for further investigation. The medical panel will decide on the progress or further investigation.
  - If applicable, the roommate and/or skating partner must also be quarantined immediately.
- **Consequences when tested positive**
  - Competitors, coaches and team leaders who have tested positive will be removed from the competition and they are obligated to be in quarantine at the hotel **including** their roommates / skating partners.
  - The coronamanager will discuss with the medical panel the next steps to be taken for these person(s) are and will coordinate these with the team leader.

## IN CASE OF INFECTION | LEVEL 1 (II)

- There will be rooms available at the hotel in case competitors, coaches, and team leaders have to stay in the hotel longer than the pre-planned period due to quarantine.
- The hotel ensures that competitors, coaches and team leaders receive meals in their hotel room.
- The costs of the above will be passed on to the country concerned.

## IN CASE OF INFECTION | LEVEL 2 & 3

- Discretion and respect for the privacy of the respective person(s) has priority.
- **In case of infection of disease symptoms**
- Persons with symptoms are requested to stay in their hotel room / at home, including their roommate.
- If someone has symptoms of the coronavirus, or feels sick during the day with Corona-related symptoms, this person has to inform the team leader or responsible contact person (media, volunteers, officials) immediately.
- In consultation with the Coronamanager and medical panel the next steps are determined:
  - This person is temporarily quarantined at home or in the hotel room.
  - The next steps are determined based on the advice of the Coronamanager or medical panel.
- If a person displays suspicious symptoms at the location, this person can be taken to the quarantine room for further investigation. The medical panel will then decide on the progress or further investigation.

# SANCTIONS

- If an accredited person does not comply with the measures, the organizing committee or the KNSB can, after a first warning, decide that the accreditation should be taken. This concerns violations of health measures and any additional measures which are described in this document.

## HOTEL | COMPETITORS, COACHES, TEAM LEADERS

- Teams arrive at Schiphol airport where they are collectively transferred to the hotel by a carrier (incl. Officials) or
- Teams arrive collectively by bus/car from their country of origin.
- Teams stay in the hotel on basis of full board.
- Teams **are obliged to** use the official hotel.
- Teams **only move between hotel and ice rink.**
- No visit to shopping centers etc.
- Healthy snacks are available for purchase at the hotel.
- **Please note: the restaurant on the ice rink is closed**

## HOTEL | LEVEL 2 & 3

- Level 2 and 3 accredited persons stay in the hotel or at home during the event without close contact\*\* with third parties.
  - The organizing committee asks to respect the generally applicable RIVM hygiene guidelines both at home and in the hotel
    - You have to keep a distance of at least 1,5 meters and wear a mouth mask, except when you are alone in the hotel room and when consuming breakfast / lunch / dinner.
  - The organizing committee advises strongly not to use hotel facilities such as swimming pool etc.
  - In case of health complaints the accredited persons including roommate must be quarantined
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- \*\*Close contact: contact with anyone without effective protective measures within 1,5 meters distance which is/was not a roommate and where the close contact lasted more than 15 minutes.

## TRANSPORT | LEVEL 1 – COMPETITORS, COACHES AND TEAMLEADERS

- Organization by KNSB
  - Schiphol Airport – Hotel
    - Small bus per team including official
    - The OC will provide FFP2 facemasks for everybody, these masks are mandatory
  - Hotel – Ice Rink vice versa
    - Bus - keep 1,5 meters distance
- Use a private car
  - Keep 1,5 meters distance
  - The driver must also be tested in case he/she is not a coach or team leader



## TRANSPORT | LEVEL 2 OFFICIALS

- Organization by KNSB
  - Keep 1,5 meters distance
  - In accordance with the panels' schedule
- Own transport:
  - Keep 1,5 meters distance

## TRANSPORT | LEVEL 3 VOLUNTEERS

- Own transport
  - Separated transport as much as possible. if together: together with the person you are sharing the room with
  - Always keep 1.5 meters distance

## MEDIA

- Media have to register in advance per day
- The press must enter through the press entrance
- Media must undergo a health check upon entry
- Wearing a mouth mask is mandatory at all times
- A limited number of accredited media representatives may be present, taking into account physical distance and available space.
- Photographers along the rink are assigned specific spots. These are marked. Photographers may swap places among themselves, but not take a position anywhere else along the rink.
- Media must at all times adhere to the media protocol and must visibly wear the accreditation.

## MEDIA MATTERS | MIXED ZONE

- The mixed zone is located above the Kiss & Cry.
- Press can enter the mixed zone via the press room, the competitors via a separate staircase.
- There is a clear demarcation between the backdrop and the press barrier, so that skaters always stay at least 1,5 meter away from media representatives.
- Press wil use a socalled "fishing rod microphone" as much as possible. The skater's microphone will be cleaned / disinfected after each interview
- There are splash guards between skaters and press to further ensure COVID-safety.
- The media protocol containing points from the current protocol plan is clearly communicated to the accredited press in advance and is provided by the media department of the host organization (KNSB).

## MEETINGS

- Event related meetings will be held via MS Teams as much as possible.
  - Team Leaders meeting
- Invitation to these meeting are sent one day in advance and information is shared via the **Sportity** app.
- The draw for the starting order will be available via live-stream.

## VICTORY CEREMONIES

- Face mask is mandatory.
- At the victory ceremonies, the 1,5 meters physical distance must be respected at all times
- No shaking hands, no hugs and kisses.
- Athletes must stay on their own podium: 1st, 2nd, 3rd.
- No photos are to be taken featuring the medal winners standing on 1 podium step.
- Medals are not put on by an official; the medals are already placed on the podium.
- Athletes themselves hang the medal around their neck. They also take the flowers themselves.
- No persons are allowed on the ice rink during the victory ceremony.
- Coaches, and/or team leaders are **not allowed to take pictures** in the photographers area during the ceremony.
- Athletes will remain in their individual spots until the ceremony is over.
- The Referee and Technical Controller will not take part in the ceremony.

## ADDITIONAL GENERAL RULES

- Avoid sharing of items or materials. If you have to share them, disinfect your hands and the items/materials after use. Sufficient cleaning products are available on location.
- The organizing committee ensures frequent cleaning , thereby disinfecting surfaces and materials that are touched often. A cleaning team will be constantly present at the ice rink.
- The organizing committee ensures that the measures are sufficiently signposted on site.
- All areas are arranged in such a way that one can keep the 1,5 meters distance.
- Doors and windows remain open if possible, to ventilate fresh air.
- Officials must clean their headset / keyboard themselves (before and after use).

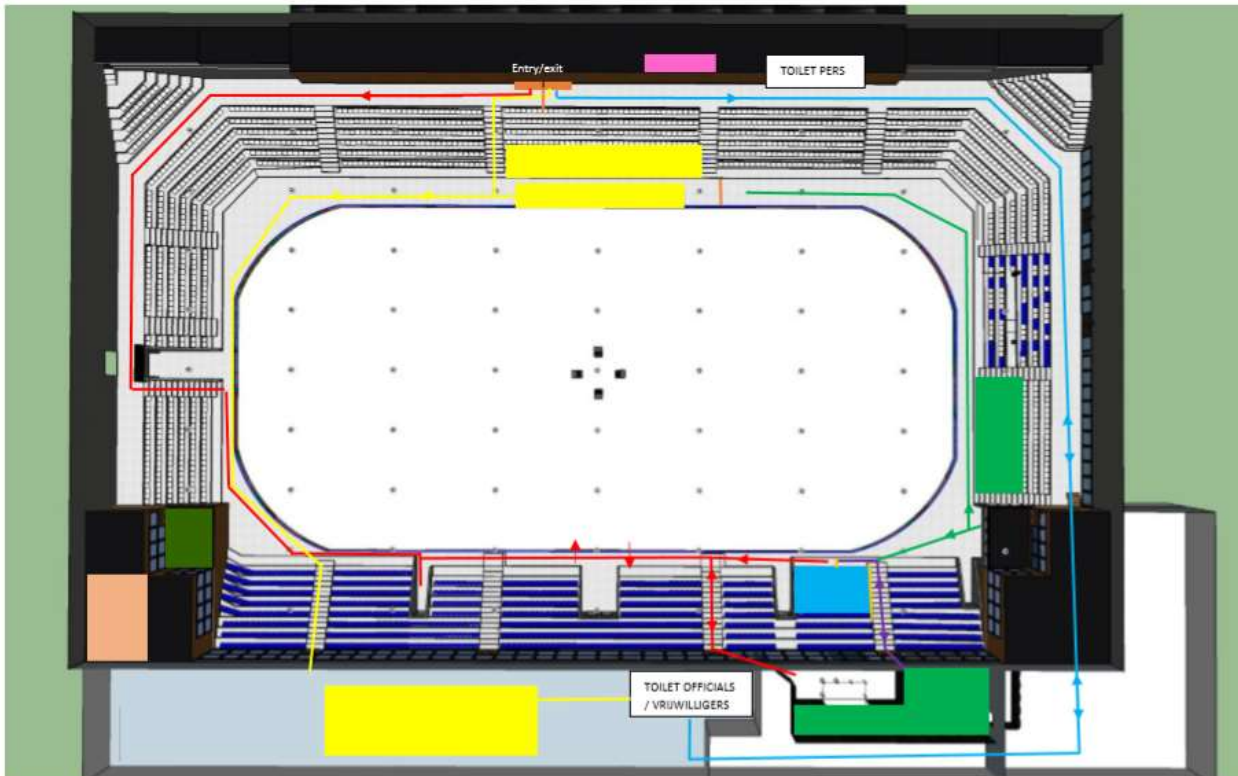
## LEGAL ASPECTS

Upon completion of the RIVM COVID-19 screening Questionnaire and entering the location, you agree with the following:

- At the medical check, when entering the venue, you agree that in the event of the slightest doubt an (independent) doctor will be consulted.
- On the RIVM questionnaire, which you receive in advance, you declare to have completed it truthfully. NB: Failure to truthfully complete this questionnaire will inevitably lead to sanctions, including explicitly: exclusion from participation in the Challenge Cup.
- By completing this questionnaire, the undersigned expressly gives permission to share (only) Covid-19 related personal data with the panel that has to decide about a possible exclusion from participation in the Challenge Cup.
- In addition to the above, a Covid-19 disclaimer must be completed for everyone from levels 1, 2 and 3. This disclaimer will be sent digitally prior to the event.



# Floor plan



Explanation:	
Level 1 (Team members)	■
Level 2 (Officials)	■
Level 3 (Volunteers)	■
Level 4 (Press)	■
Speakers/music	■
Wall/entry/exit	■
Kiss & Cry	■
Livestream	■
OC-office	■

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